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CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNCS)

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 372; (B) USUN 443 (NOT AL);
(C) USUN 416 (NOT AL); (D) STATE 25443; () STATE 6805

1. USG POSITION REGARDING DIRECTORSHIP OF INFORMATION AND
RESEARCH CENTER ON TNCS REMAINS THAT STATED IN STATE 25443.
WHILE WE SHOULD ENDORSE FOIGHIEL, STATING THAT WE FIND HIM
WELL QUALIFIED FOR THE POSITION, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD
BE WISE NOT TO LIMIT USG SUPPORT TO A SINGLE PERSON UNTIL
WE HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF ALL CANDIDATES, INCLUDING THE
TYPE OF CANDIDATE LDC GOVERNMENTS MAY BE WILLING TO
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APPROVE. EXCLUSIVE USG SUPPORT FOR A SINGLE CANDIDATE

AT THIS POINT COULD PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR
PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF BLOCKING SELECTION OF CANDIDATE
BIASED AGAINST TNCS SUCH AS SOMAVIA.

2. POSSIBILITY THAT DANES WOULD BE RUNNING FOR BOTH UNGA
PRESIDENT AND THE TNC CENTER DIRECTORSHIP IS NOT,
REPEAT NOT, VIEWED BY USG AS AN OBSTACLE TO FOIGHEL'S
CANDIDACY. WE CONCUR WITH DANES THAT AN ELECTIVE POSITION
GOING TO A GOVT. REPRESENTATIVE AND A SECRETARIAT POST

ARE IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND THAT CANDIDATES FOR EACH
SHOULD BE JUDGED ON THEIR OWN MERITS. WHILE SOME LDC
SUPPORTERS OF SOMAVIA MAY HOLD A CONTRARY VIEW, WE SHOULD
INDICATE THAT WE DO NOT.

3. FOR USUN: IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT,
MISSION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT, WHILE NOT CONFERRING OUR

SUPPORT TO A SINGLE CANDIDATE AT THIS UNSETTLED STAGE, USG
WELCOMES FOIGHEL'S CANDIDACY, BELIEVES THAT HE IS WELL
QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB, AND ACCORDINGLY WOULD SUPPORT
HIS APPOINTMENT. MISSION SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO NOTE
THAT USG BELIEVES THERE ARE GOOD REASONS FOR SELECTING
A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FROM A COUNTRY WHICH IS NEITHER
PREDOMINANTLY A HOST OR HOME COUNTRY TO TNCS.

4. FOR COPENHAGEN: EMBASSY SHOULD RESTATE OUR POSITION
TO DANES ALONG LINES ALREADY TAKEN WITH ISAKSEN AS PER
PARA 3 OF REF A AND PURSUANT TO THIS MESSAGE. INGERSOLL

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